

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22.

The Harrisonburg Old Commonwealth, in an article on the Manassas Gap Railroad, refers to the report "that the Manassas Company were making arrangements for the completion of their road to Harrisonburg," and hopes that it is true. But it adds as follows, and we copy it to show our people the feelings of the people of Rockingham on the subject.

"In the event that the money or assets competent to the achievement of the work, and the intention of applying the same to immediate use, are not indubitably exhibited, the Legislature's duty is plain. It should, at once, enter into an arrangement with some other company for the building up of a railway through this fertile Valley. The company best enabled to build the road and in the fastest time should be preferred if as good terms could be procured. The Baltimore and Ohio Company, we are inclined to believe, will readily undertake the work, giving a fair bonus to the State for the privilege. If this company engages in the contract, the road can be completed to Salem from Strasburg against June, and against the first of May we would have the cars at the Depot in Harrisonburg. Other things being equal we would prefer the Manassas Company, but if the road is to be made by the Manassas Company to the detriment or disadvantage of the county, we unhesitatingly should prefer that Company that would avoid these. We want a railroad. What company is disposed to build one up the Valley on the best terms and in the best style? The door should be thrown wide open for contracts."

The last steamer brings intelligence of the death of the King of Belgium. He is better known as the Prince Leopold, of Saxe Cobourg, who figured in the Allied army about the era of Bonaparte's first overthrow. After the fall of Paris in 1814, he paid a visit to London in company with other distinguished officers, and his handsome person and his winning manners soon made a tender impression upon the Princess Charlotte, only daughter and child of George IV. (then Prince Regent). Their marriage followed in due season. But its felicity was destined to be of short duration. In less than a year the Princess died in childbirth. Many years afterwards, (in 1831) upon the separation of the Netherlands from Holland and their erection into an independent kingdom, Prince Leopold was chosen to fill the new throne. He subsequently married a daughter of Louis Philippe, King of the French, with whom he lived happily.

The ultraists in the House of Representatives yesterday, it is said, tried in every way, by interrogatories and interruptions, to break the argument of Mr. Raymond's speech. It is stated that Mr. Speaker Colfax was quite active on the floor, in urging on these interruptions. Mr. Raymond concluded his speech by saying, "that he must, no matter what course others pursued, go for reunion. The South were enemies in war, but in peace were friends. We had been four years at war to bring them back to the Union, and now he would consummate the object. He was for admitting loyal members to Congress who represented loyal constituencies."

For several days past, the tables of both houses of Congress have been loaded, by the ultraists, with petitions, resolutions, and bills relating to the negro question, in all its forms and phases. They vie with each other in presenting the subject in the most insulting and irritating form to the Southern people, who having in good faith accepted the abolition of slavery, and being no longer slave owners, looked for peace and quiet when slavery had ceased to exist. But, not so. The agitation is kept up by the demagogues and ultraists, as vigorously as ever, and with a persistent determination to keep alive strife and dissension. These men are, now apparently, themselves, the promoters of disunion.

Gov. Vance, of North Carolina, is a man of wit. His competitor, Mr. Holden, at the commencement of the late troubles, was, according to the then phrase, quite as much, if not more, of a "Southern man" than he was, but has since taken the back track. When in Washington under parole, at the time of his arrest by the military, just after the close of the war, Gov. Vance was accosted by an acquaintance, who asked what he was doing there. "I am here for debt," was the reply. "Mr. Holden voted for secession and for the war, and pledged the last man and the last dollar to its support, and then wouldn't pay; and I am here as the consequence."

The present tone of the Washington Chronicle is more conservative than it was immediately after the fall elections in the North and West.

The only obstacles to the "re-construction" of the Union, on the terms proposed by the President, have been those thrown in the path by radicals and ultraists. The whole South submitted to the result of the war, and acquiesced in what, to the people of that section, was the necessity of the case, with scarcely a murmur, and in a spirit which called forth the commendation of the best and bravest of those who had taken sides against them. It should not be expected, or even desired, that they would exhibit signs of exultation over their condition. That would be unnatural. Acquiescence was all that was, at first asked for, or that could be reasonably hoped for. The rest was to be left to time, and acts of amity. Now, why not let this favorable condition of things remain? Why goad, and annoy, and stir up strife? Why start a disunion party in the North, just when the disunion party in the South has been overcome? Why will not men listen to reason, and exercise judgment and common sense?

We see that the Legislature of Virginia has adopted a resolution that a joint committee be appointed "to enquire into the terms and conditions of the contracts existing between express and transportation companies, and any of the railroad companies of this Commonwealth, for the use of the roads of the said railroad companies." The Lynchburg Republican says: "This resolution doubtless had its origin in the fact that the Orange, and some other of our railroads have borrowed money from Adams Express Company, on the faith of giving to said company a monopoly of the express transit over that road for several years to come. This arrangement interferes with the enterprise of the National Express Company and others recently established." The Richmond Examiner strongly opposes any legislative interference with these matters.

If the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery is adopted, then it has been done through the necessary aid of the Southern States. If these States have the power and right to participate with their sister States in a matter of such high concern as is the modification of the Constitution of the country, it is Radical gentlemen to answer why such States are not entitled to representation in Congress. Some of the Radicals are waking up to this difficulty.

In the Virginia House of Delegates on Thursday, the Speaker laid before the House a communication from the Auditor of Public Accounts, in response to a resolution offered some days ago, enquiring what amount of fines had been paid into the Treasury from the city of Alexandria. The Auditor states that none have been paid into the Treasury from that city.

Gen. Grant's views with regard to the South, it appears from his recent report, are fully in accord with those generally held by the President as to the condition of affairs; the feeling of the great masses of the people, and the proper measures to be adopted for an early restoration of all the State governments.

Mr. Raymond, of N. York, editor of the N. Y. Times, formerly Lieut. Gov. of the State, and now one of the representatives from the city of N. Y., in Congress yesterday, made a speech in support of the President, and in opposition to the present course of the ultras of his (the Republican) party.

The subject of the re-union of the two divisions of the Old State of Virginia, appears to be favorably received in the Eastern section, but we have seen, as yet, but few or no responses from the West. It is said that some of the counties in the West cast but a very small vote for the division when it took place.

It is said an analysis of the status of the Republican Senators shows that Senators Conness, Cowan, Dixon, Doolittle, Fessenden, Foster, Grimes, Harris, Henderson, Norton, Ramsey, Sherman, Stewart, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Willey, Williams, and possibly Yates, do not endorse the radical anti-administration policy.

MINISTER TO MEXICO.—We understand that the name of Hon. Lewis D. Campbell, of Ohio, was yesterday sent to the Senate for confirmation as Minister to the Republic of Mexico. From this we infer that General Logan has declined that appointment.—[Nat. Int.]

The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture is preparing seeds for the South, which he is sending to members elect; also, agricultural reports. This action is most excellent, regarded in any light.

C. W. Turley, of Fairfax, has received a pardon from the President. Also, J. F. Trayhern of Loudoun.

The New York Commercial (Rep.) thus speaks of the "disunionist Stevens":—"Mr. Stevens further advocated an amendment to lay an export duty on cotton, a measure that would prove ruinous. He also favored amendments to make uniformity of laws and to prevent the assumption of the rebel debt. There is a strong flavor of centralization in Mr. Stevens' speech; rather too much in fact, for those who know that the safety and perpetuity of our institutions depend upon adherence to the principles on which they are based."

The Washington Republican attacks the bill for the advancement of Gen. Grant to the rank of General, and covertly attacks him; also in a manner that indicates the gradual widening of the chasms which are to divide the hitherto triumphant Republicans into rival factions. The bill proposes, we are told, to create the rank of General, with pay "quite equal to the pay of the President of the United States, to say nothing of his six aids with the rank and pay of a colonel of cavalry."

Captain Wallridge, superintendent of the Old Capitol prison, has returned to Washington, after conveying the prisoner Winder to Richmond and there to be turned over to General Terry; Gee to Raleigh, to be put in charge of General Ruger. Duncan was conveyed to Savannah and placed in the custody of General Steadman. They are to be tried by military commissions.

Mr. Joseph W. Davis was arrested at New Orleans, recently, for wearing a grey coat with brass buttons. The obnoxious buttons were solemnly cut off in the presence of the Provost Marshal, and Mr. Davis was then released. Half an hour subsequently he was arrested and held for wearing the same coat with similar buttons.

A fire at Camp Douglas, Utah Territory, on the 20th, destroyed a large commissary warehouse filled with Government supplies, but little of which was saved. The loss is over a million of dollars. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

In presenting a petition, yesterday, on the negro question, Mr. Sumner said, "that the white people of the District had for years been squatting upon the civil and political rights of the colored people, and he was glad this state of things was about to end."

The Georgia Legislature has passed a law allowing negro testimony in courts where the negroes themselves are interested pro or con; and adopted a resolution to the effect that President Johnson had been magnanimous to the people of Georgia.

Geo. Brown, president of the Canadian Council, and a leading member of the Ministry, has resigned. The cause of his taking this step is not known, but it is believed to have some connection with the reciprocity treaty question.

Secretary Seward, by direction of the President, has relieved Provisional Governor Perry of the trust heretofore imposed upon him, and has recognized the Hon. James L. Orr as the legal Governor of South Carolina.

A convention of revenue assessors and collectors for South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Georgia was to be held on Wednesday, at Atlanta, Ga., to regulate a system of assessments and collections of taxes.

At a general meeting of all the circles of the Fenian Brotherhood at Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday night, resolutions denouncing in the strongest terms O'Mahoney and Killian, and endorsing Roberts, were unanimously adopted.

In the contemplated re-organization of the regular army it is alleged that the colored troops will compose a large proportion of the same, and the respective regiments will be recruited up to the maximum number.

The ship Roger Aherm, Summerville, with 2,700 bales of cotton for Mobile for Liverpool, was wrecked on Sand Island, Mobile bay, and is supposed to be a total loss.

There was a heavy gale at the North yesterday, and much damage was done to vessels along the coast.

Thomas J. Evans has been elected to the Virginia Legislature from Richmond, and Mr. Sturdivant Commonwealth's Attorney.

The anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims will be celebrated at Boston to-day.

Dispatches from Washington frequently speak of the results of deliberations at Cabinet Councils, of persons being "closeted" with the President, of the assertions of Cabinet ministers, &c., &c. These are all flims. The writers know no more about such things than do the readers of their canards.

Gen. Hooker, yesterday, obeyed the writ of habeas corpus, issued in the case of a man under his custody, in New York, and produced the prisoner in court.

Congress has adjourned to the 5th of Jan.

SALE OF GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &c.—By virtue of a deed of trust, dated the 21st day of December, 1865, executed by Ashby & Wharton, the undersigned, trustee, under said deed, will offer for sale, at public auction, on the 28th day of December, (inst.) their stock of GROCERIES, LIQUORS, SEGARS, GLASS AND HOLLOW WARE, &c., &c. Sale to take place at No. 7, King street, at 10 o'clock a. m., to be continued from day to day until the property is disposed of.
de 22-cots C. W. WATTLES, Trustee.

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dec 22-tf JOHNSTON & CARNE.

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dec 16-tf
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dec 14-10t*

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oc 30-4f3m*

JUST RECEIVED.—A fresh lot of BUTTER and EGGS, Dried and Green Apples, from Loudoun county, Va.

dec 8-tf J. T. SHERWOOD,
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dec 19-tjan1

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nov 6-3m

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dec 21-3t

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dec 15-1w